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In re application of:

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This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 28, 2006 which has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 28, 2006. A two month extension to August 28, 2006 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Reconsideration in light of the accompanying remarks, with early allowance of the pending claims, is respectfully requested.

Please charge Applicants' credit card in the amount of \$450.00 .00 for payment of the extension fee. Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form for fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744.

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